1. What is the expression for “Thank you.” In your host culture? “Spasiba”

2. Name at least three situations where you should respond with “Thank you” in your host

culture: Thank you is used in Russian just like it is used in America. You could use it when someone gives you something you asked for, if someone was kind to you, or in special cases say “Blagadaryu Vas.” Use this when you want to express that you are very grateful.

3. Are there any other special expressions for special situations? What are they? For

example, are there sometimes when you need to be more respectful? Does it depend

upon whether you know the person or not? The only difference is that “Spashiba” is just “Thank you”. The phrase “Blagadaryu Vas”, which is the more formal one, expressed extreme gratitude. It does not matter upon whether you know the person or not.

4. How do you express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture (for example, “Thank

you very much!)? “Balshoye spashiba.”This translates literally into “big thank you”.